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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. The listed information was cited in the parent (Application No. 10/148,544) of the present divisional application and might be deemed pertinent for the reasons given there. The Examiner is respectfully directed to the files of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office for review of those documents. (See 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d) and MPEP § 609.) However, if requested by the Examiner, copies of those documents will be supplied.

Applicants note that for the sake of completeness they have cited both published PCT applications and corresponding counterparts, including both U.S. patents and published U.S. applications, where known.

Applicants make no representation as to the identity of these documents. However, they note that they correspond as follows:

Publication No.	Corresponding Document(s)	
WO 96/16940	U.S. 5,869,501	
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WO 99/00121	U.S. 6,313,122	
WO 99/00126	U.S. 6,313,151	
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WO 01/64642	U.S. 6,376,515 U.S. Publication 2002/0002183	
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Additionally, Applicants have cited JP 2000-302765 published October 31, 2000 and included a complete English translation. However, Applicants' present application claims priority to JP 2000-096858 filed March 21, 2000. A verified translation of this Japanese priority document accompanied the application papers filed June 4, 2002, in the parent case.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

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